

CITY OF TUCSON

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COUNCIL MEMBER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Hein, Tucson City Manager

Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator

FROM: Richard Elías, Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

Sharon Bronson, Member, County Board of Supervisors

Karin Uhlich, Member, Tucson City Council

Chairperson, Environment, Planning and Resource Management Committee

RE: Water Planning and Infrastructure Study

DATE: November 9, 2007

Last year Chuck Huckelberry proposed that the County and City share the funding of a comprehensive water study. The proposal called for each entity to contribute \$100,000 toward such a study, but it has not been acted upon.

We ask that you work together to prepare the following in relation to that proposal over the coming 90 days:

- 1) A Proposed Set of Goals for the study
- 2) A draft Scope of Work
- 3) A draft Intergovernmental Agreement to facilitate the study

We recognize that water issues are at the forefront of our community's concern at this time, and we support a collaborative effort to better plan our area's water future. We ask that you keep in mind the issues of concern raised in Proposition 200 and also the language adopted at the Regional Town Hall (which suggests inclusive, multijurisdictional planning and an infrastructure report). Perhaps most importantly we want to emphasize the importance of a science-based approach to such planning, much like that undertaken to develop and ultimately adopt the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

Upon receipt of the above from you, we will work with our colleagues on the City Council and the Board of Supervisors to ensure appropriate review and deliberations regarding the study/funding proposal.

Thank you.

Cc: Tucson Mayor and City Council Pima County Board of Supervisors Tucson City Clerk